

MINUTES WAYNE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI, 48226.

A. Roll Call 9:10 A.M.

Carron L. Pinkins (C)	- Present
Edward McCall Thomas (VC)	- Present
Sandra Bucciero	- Present
Sue C. Carnell	- Excused
Mona Hammoud	- Present
Freman Hendrix	- Present
Robert P. Young	- Present

B. Thomas/Young **Approved as amended.** The minutes from the August 23, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

The Chairman requested that the minutes be corrected due to some board members' names being listed twice.

Thomas/Hammoud **Approved.** New board member cannot rule on a complaint if they were appointed after the complaint was filed against the elected official who appointed the new member. Motion Carried.

Ms. Bucciero abstained.

Thomas/Hammoud **Approved.** The previous motion be tabled that a new board member cannot rule on a complaint if they were appointed after the complaint was filed against the elected official who appointed the new member. Motion Carried.

The previous motion is tabled at the recommendation of the Ethics Board Attorney, Avery Williams.

Ms. Bucciero abstained.

C. Unfinished Business

1. The complaint by Beverly Kindle-Walker against Treasurer Eric Sabree, citing Sections 40-4(f) and 40-4(g) of the Ethics Ordinance

The Board heard testimony from Ms. Kindle-Walker and Mr. Sabree.

Hendrix/Thomas **Approved.** To vote on item C.1. Motion Carried.

Ms. Bucciero abstained.

Hendrix/Hammoud **Approved.** Dismissal of the complaint. Motion Carried.

The Board believed there was insufficient evidence and the complaint did not meet the burden of proof.

Ms. Bucciero abstained.

D. New Business

The Committee moved to item D.2.

2. Summary from Mr. Avery Williams, Ethics Board Attorney, of a request from Kristina L. Robinson, Wayne County Sheriff's Office General Counsel, for a letter in support of her attendance at the Educational Seminar in Israel for Midwest African American Leaders sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation

Ms. Robinson spoke about her request.

Hendrix/Thomas **Approved.** To draft a letter in support of her attendance at the Educational Seminar in Israel for Midwest African American Leaders. Motion Carried.

Thomas/Hammoud **Approved.** To request Ethics Board Attorney Avery Williams to draft the letter in support of Ms. Robinson's request. Motion Carried.

The Ethics Board returned to item D.1.

1. Summary from Mr. Avery Williams, Ethics Board Attorney, of other complaints that have been submitted to the Ethics Board.

Mr. Williams provided an update on the status of complaints filed.

E. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee

Mr. Pinkins announced that the board will meet at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. He also requested that Commission staff place advertisements in newspapers that give a brief synopsis of the board and an announcement of the meeting dates and times.

F. Public Comments

Thomas/Hammoud

Adjournment: 11:33 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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